PRESIDENT: I think the implication of the answer is that the Government will discover in the course of the debate whether there is dissatisfaction or not.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I to understand that the Government have discovered that there is no dissatisfaction?

PRESIDENT: No, they are waiting to learn if there is any dissatisfaction.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I ask the Chief Secretary if he is aware that the Development Departments are directed by one single agency elsewhere?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is he aware that there are Development Ministers elsewhere?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They are members of Government. They are not heads of departments. Similarly there is the Dewan here.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are there different heads for different departments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are they not controlled by one single agency?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No, but by the Government in the Development Department.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there not a Development Minister in British India?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILAI (*Tovala*): Is he not responsible to the legislature for these Development Departments put together?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is he not the directing agency of the department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): He is not the directing agency but the agency which controls the policy of the Development Departments. The directing agency is the head of the department.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): If so, do the Goverrment propose to have the different Development Departments in Travancore worked under one common directing agency as in British India?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that the Government do not propose to answer the question pending the discussion of the resolution on the subject.

Revision of Puduval Rules.

388. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken steps for the revision of the *Puduval* Rules as was promised in the last Budget Session of the Council?

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[Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai.]

(*b*) If not, will they be pleased to do the needful without any further delay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. The matter is under reference to the Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner. His reply is awaited.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): In view of the fact that the tax to be imposed on town lands at the time of the registry will be rather prohibitive, will the Government be pleased to order the stay of proceedings for registry of such town lands until the revision of the Puduval Rules?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That means no town lands should be registered in the intervening period.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): It means the cases will be very few.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is a large question which cannot be answered as a supplementary question. The matter will be borne in mind.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I must raise the same point of order as Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai raised. Because it is a large question he says it cannot be answered as a supplementary question. I must submit that this is not a large question. I only want to know whether the Government will be pleased to order the stay of proceedings of registry of town lands until a revision is made so that the Government may revise the Puduval Rules in the near future.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I say it is a large question because, if registry of town lands is stopped, it will have to be stopped in thirty taluks.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is the Member aware of the actual number of pending cases?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of it just now, but I am sure the number is large.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Have the Dewan Peishkars recommended that special concessions should be given to town lands?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No. They are applying the present rules. So long as these rules are not abrogated, the Peishkars must apply the present rules.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I ask whether the Peishkars are not making recommendations to allow remission of tax?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Not in all cases.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): In particular cases?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I may say they are not making such recommendations generally. Whether they have done so in particular cases will have to be enquired into.

Encouragement of Nambutiri Brahmins.

389. **MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI** (*Jenmi*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Malayala Brahmin community is backward in point of modern education?

(*b*) If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to give attractive appointments and promotions to those very few members of the community who have taken University degrees and who desire to enter Government service and to those who have already entered the service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Their claims to Government appointments will be considered along with the claims of other communities that are poorly represented in Government service.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI (*Jenmi*) : മലയാളബ്രാഹ്മണരെ ഇപ്പോൾ കൂടുതലായിട്ടുഗണിച്ചു വരുന്നു എന്നോ അതോ മേലാൽ ഗണിച്ചു കൊള്ളാമെന്നോ ഉത്തരത്തിൽനിന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) ; ഇനിമേലാൽ കൂടുതലായി ഗണിച്ചുകൊള്ളാമെന്നാണു്.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI (*Jenmi*) : ഇപ്പോൾ ഉദ്യോഗദാനവിഷയത്തിൽ പിന്നോക്കം നില്ക്കുന്നവരായ മലയാളബ്രാഹ്മണക്കു കൂടുതൽ സഹായം ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളാമെന്നു് എന്റെ ചോദ്യത്തിനുത്തരം പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. യൂനിവേർസിറ്റിഡിഗ്രി സമ്പാദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവർ ഇപ്പോൾ സർവ്വീസിൽ ഉണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : അത് അന്വേഷിച്ചു് ഒരു സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറു വരുത്തിയേ പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയുള്ളു.

Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 351.**

Proceedings of the Government of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent of Travancore.

Read again :—

(1) Circular No. J. 5651, dated the 22nd July 1915.
(2) Circular No. J. 6761, dated the 18th August 1917.
(3) Circular No. P. 851, dated the 13th March 1920.

Read also :—

(4) Circular R. O. C. No. 113 of 24/Statistics, dated the 14th July 1924.

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